

SAN FRANCISCO LETTER

From San Francisco, per O. S. S.
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[From our San Francisco Correspondent.]

Sugar.

NEW YORK, April 12.—Cuban centrifugals, 90 degrees, 3½ cents; granulated firmer, 49-100 cents.

The local market has advanced 1 cent in sympathy with the advance in the East. Granulated is quoted at 5½ cents. Receipts of Hawaiian continue to be large.

There is considerable talk of the Democrats putting an ad valorem tax on raw sugar at the next session of Congress. Reports from Washington indicate that the Democrats will reorganize the entire tariff system on a basis of an ad valorem tax, and it is believed that for purposes of revenue the tax on raw sugar will be placed so as to yield about one cent per pound. This, of course, will be a direct benefit to the Hawaiian planters.

The Cholera Scourge.

Dispatches from many parts of Europe show that the cholera is spreading and it is generally believed that the epidemic will sweep the European continent as soon as hot weather comes. The following dispatches show the situation:

ST. PETERSBURG, April 5.—Now scarcely a doubt is entertained by those aware of the real situation that Russia is to suffer again from the ravages of cholera. With the slightly warmer weather the official reports, incomplete as they are, show a recurrence of the disease in nearly all the places in which it wrought such frightful havoc last summer and autumn.

Official returns have been made public showing that from March 15th to March 20th there were sixty-five cases of cholera and nineteen deaths from the disease in the town of Orel. The official figures place the number of cases reported from March 15th to March 27th in the government of Oufa at eighty-four and deaths at twenty-nine. From March 22d to March 26th there were ten cases and four deaths in the government of Yelisevetspol.

In addition, it is a matter of common knowledge that the number of cholera cases and deaths from the scourge are far more numerous in the governments that are not included in the returns. This is especially the case in Podolia and Saratoff, which were ravaged by cholera last year. It is impossible, however, to obtain the actual number of cases and deaths.

PARIS, April 4.—Seventy deaths have been recorded at L'Orient, near Brest, during the last fortnight from a mild form of cholera. L'Orient is notorious as the hotbed of fever diseases, due to the utter absence of drainage. A slight epidemic occurred here last November. The mortality in the garrison has been very heavy for years.

The Government has hushed up the present outbreak, but it is estimated that 200 persons have been attacked. The disease is still spreading.

LONDON, April 5.—The British Government has sent a circular to the Post Offices in Great Britain and Ireland notifying them that since March 22d there have been fifty-one deaths from cholera in L'Orient, in the Department of Morbihan, France.

LONDON, April 8.—If last year's devastations of the scourge were not fresh in the public mind, Europe would be already in a cholera panic. The disease probably exists to-day in a larger number of towns than when the epidemic was at its height in Hamburg last summer. The criminal policy of concealment is again being pursued in many places. The most outrageous are in towns on the northern coast of France, where it is known that nearly a hundred deaths have occurred within a fortnight. Russia acknowledges several hundred deaths over her vast extent of territory, and it can only be guessed how much this is short of the truth.

Strong appeals in the advertising columns of the St. Petersburg newspapers for the services of doctors in infected districts indicate how great is the emergency. Not a single medical or scientific advantage is yet announced as the result of the cholera conference at Dresden. The object there sought has been solely how to mitigate the commercial evils of the epidemic.

The early return of the scourge has given a lively impetus to sanitary precautions throughout Europe. A spring house-cleaning, such as the old world never saw before, is in vigorous progress. The general sanitary condition of Europe on May 1st will be the best ever enjoyed.

BERLIN, April 10.—Dr. Haffkine has written from India to the Russian papers that he has conquered cholera by the inoculation method. He says he has inoculated hundreds of persons with positive results and promises to give his method to the world on his return from India.

NEW YORK, April 6.—While Health Officer Jenkins of this port is subtle in his confidence, the sentiment of the doctors attending the International Conference of Health Boards at the Fifth Avenue Hotel is that cholera will surely visit the United States this summer. Those who attended the second day's session represented twenty-five States and Canada.

Dr. Jenkins, in an address to the conference last evening, declared that this port would be able to cope with the disease in better shape than last year, but still the members of the conference were somewhat skeptical.

Experts sent to Chicago by the British Government to investigate the sanitary condition of the World's Fair City, report that there is no danger of the plague becoming epidemic there.

San Francisco News.

Mrs. E. Mayhew, formerly resident of Honolulu, has been found to have leprosy, and is now at the City and County Hospital. She has been laid

up about six months and was ignorant of the malady which affected her. Edward Bindt one of the Hawaiian lads at the pesthouse and two others have taken French leave of the pesthouse. Bindt left a letter behind saying he didn't like the reward or the quarters and said that he wanted to go to the World's Fair and proposed going.

Right Rev. W. I. Kip, Bishop of California, died on the 7th inst. after a long illness, aged 82 years. He had been in feeble health for many years and for two years had been blind. The funeral services were held at Grace Church on the 10th inst.

A smelting company with a capital of \$2,000,000 is about to erect works here.

Irving M. Scott has returned from Washington and has with him perfected plans of his proposed gun and forge factory, which will cost between \$3,000,000 and \$5,000,000. Mr. Scott wants to have an institution on this Coast that will be able to construct all the material that may be necessary for coast defenses on this side of the continent. The new factory will be supplemental to the Union Iron Works, and Mr. Scott says that \$5,000,000, if that much money is put into it, can be made to yield a good rate of interest. The plans he has are to carry out the scheme for which he recently organized the Union Gun & Forge Factory. In all probability whatever buildings may be necessary to hold the large quantity of machinery that will be required will be erected near the Union Iron Works. The largest outlay of money will in a great measure be for machinery, but the buildings will require considerable money. The exact details of the plans have not been made public, and probably will not be for some time.

Mr. Scott thinks it will not be long before he will be ready to proceed with the work on the big gun factory. The Altheim, or German Old People's Home will soon be erected at Fruitvale. It will cost about \$100,000 and will be splendidly equipped.

A legal investigation is to be made into the distribution of the Jessup property. Out of an estate of \$150,000 young Richard P. Jessup, the illegitimate and simple-minded heir, has been paid about \$7000. The balance has been swallowed up by legal harpies.

J. W. Flood, cashier of the Donohoe-Kelly bank has turned defaulter for \$164,000.

Mrs. J. W. Mackay has returned to California after an absence of about eighteen years abroad. She will remain indefinitely.

Mayor Ellert has vetoed the water rate order passed by the Board of Supervisors, but the order has been passed over the veto.

Christopher B. Ryer, an illegitimate son of the late Dr. Washington Ryer has instituted suit to get part of the \$1,500,000 estate left by the doctor.

The Chinese still refuse to obey the Geary Registration law, the six companies issuing orders in the name of the Chinese Government not to comply.

Hawaiian Consul-General Pratt has been notified by the Provisional Government at the Islands that, until further notice, no foreign vessel will be allowed to change her flag and registry to the Hawaiian. The order is evidently intended to shut out a number of foreign-built vessels whose owners would like to be placed in a position to have their property come into the United States with the Hawaiian Islands, if such a thing as annexation ever takes place. Among the vessels that it is understood were to have their flag changed to the Hawaiian is the British steamer China of the Pacific Mail line.

The bark Hesper, on which the mutiny occurred in the South Seas, has arrived. The officers and crew are all detained as witnesses, and the trial will be set for an early day.

The British iron ship St. James, coal laden from Newcastle, N. S. W., for San Francisco, took fire in her cargo on the voyage, and, after a gallant fight with the flames, it became necessary to abandon her about 300 miles off the California Coast. The crew got away in two boats and steered for Point Conception. The mate's boat arrived four days after the vessel was abandoned, and, while they were badly used up, they are now in good shape. The captain's boat came in two days later at Huenehue with only four in her, eleven men having died of exposure and starvation.

American News.

Secretary Carlisle has explained his new ruling with regard to the registering and identification of Chinese. He says: "The regulations of the Treasury Department that my order modified," said the Secretary, "are two. First, all references to photographs for the purpose of identification is eliminated from the old order; and second, the affidavit of at least one credible witness is made sufficient, instead of two as demanded by the old orders. These changes were made after many consultations with the President and Secretary of State, and because they were deemed necessary on account of the urgent protests against the old regulation made by the Chinese Minister, prominent Chinese throughout the United States, and most important of all, by American residents in China, who are greatly alarmed because of the feeling stirred up against them through this registration law."

It is announced that the United States Supreme Court will hold an extra session in May, to pass upon the constitutionality of the Geary Chinese exclusion act. The representatives of the Chinese Government have been so strong in opposing the act that the executive department has decided to make an early test case with a view to giving the court an opportunity to declare the act unconstitutional if the Justices so regard it.

Jesus Fuen, of San Bernardino, Cal., who killed his wife and an old man who attempted to protect her, was taken from jail on the 7th and burned by a mob.

A large number of Canadians who are favorable to annexation are in this country. They say they want to cut loose from Great Britain and then join the United States.

During the past week Pico Canon country in Los Angeles county, Cal., has experienced fifty severe earthquake shocks that cracked the earth and caused much damage.

A Cleveland, Ohio, dispatch says: Professor E. E. Barnard, the famous astronomer of the Lick Observatory,

is here as the guest of Warner & Swasey, the telescope-builders. He said in an interview to-day: "I visited Professor Hale of Kenwood Observatory, whose remarkable instrument, the spectro-heliograph, promises so much in the study of the sun. Professor Hale is a young man of great wealth who has become intensely interested in astronomical research and who has given his whole attention to it. Although not more than 25 years of age, he has built a fine observatory for himself and fitted it up with an excellent telescope and other well-selected instruments. The spectro-heliograph is his invention, and in its future promises to make Professor Hale the greatest authority on the sun in the world. Professor Hale is going to Colorado to attempt, from some mountain top, to secure photographs of the corona."

The Texas scout who captured Geronimo, the Apache chief, has gone into the Superstition mountains with the determination to take the Apache desperado "Kid," dead or alive, and secure the big reward for his capture. Thus far no white man has gone into these mountains and returned alive.

The great Mormon Temple at Salt Lake was completed and dedicated on April 6th. It has been forty years in building, and is one of the most beautiful structures in the world. Fifty thousand saints from all parts of the world witnessed the ceremony, which the late Brigham Young said would occur at the second coming of Christ. However, a timely revelation was received by the present President, saying the second coming of the Saviour was postponed.

At the next session, Congress will be urged to increase the enlisted force of men in the navy from 7000 to 12,000. This is necessary in order to man the new ships now being completed.

The new cruiser Detroit has had her maiden trip, and made the first mile at the rate of 19 knots.

A New York dispatch says: "George Sheffield, a gray-haired inventor of this city, to-day announced on the Maritime Exchange that he had invented a new marine engine that would enable the Paris or Teutonic to make the trip from New York to Queenstown in three days and ten hours. He said that the engine was not problematical, but an accomplished fact, and that it could propel vessels of 5000 tons at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour. No coal is to be used with this ocean engine, but the screw system will be used. In brief, the thing will be a motor power, and enough of this can be put in a couple of flour-barrels to drive a big ship from Liverpool to New York. One part of the motive power is sugar—plain, ordinary sugar—and another barrel will contain chlorate of potash. The machinery is somewhat complicated. The steel chamber into which the piston-head enters has a small tube entering at opposing sides. Through one sugar and through the other chlorate of potash is injected by air pressure. They mingle as the rod dipped in sulphuric acid comes in contact with them, and this causes an explosion which drives the piston. The series of explosions is kept up by the feeding of the ingredients, and so the piston is kept working by gases instead of by steam."

The detectives in the famous Planz murder case at San Jose, Cal., now assert that the young man was poisoned at a saloon and then hung to a tree. They say they have discovered the murderers.

A dispatch from Chicago says: Tanneries with a capacity of 90 per cent. of the raw hides produced in this country, harness, boot and shoe and leather Manufacturers large enough to consume the greater part of the leather produced, and other diversified manufacturing concerns, and the creation of a new industrial town, is a gigantic project under consideration by a trio of business concerns whose aggregate capital is exceeded by few commercial enterprises anywhere. Armour, Swift and Morris, the great packers, are the projectors, and 4000 acres of land which they own at Tolleston, Ind., is the tract upon which the proposed new industrial center is to be located.

The Commerce Committee of the United States Senate will visit the Pacific coast to select a deep-water harbor between San Francisco and San Diego, upon which the Government will expend money sufficient to make the harbor suitable for all kinds of vessels.

A strike occurred at the World's Fair grounds on the 10th inst., in which over 4000 men walked out and refused to work. They demanded shorter hours and better pay, but were shown the unreasonableness of their position, and by midnight had signed an agreement to go to work the next morning and not interfere with non-union men. No further trouble is expected.

Foreign News.

The latest session of the Behring Sea Commission was a hot one, in which Phelps on behalf of the United States protested against England's proposition to file a supplemental report. He said Great Britain's action was not only unjust but calculated to humiliate the United States, and if he were in a position to do so he would refuse to proceed with arbitration. It looks as though the meeting would end in a row.

El Porvenir gives the conditions on which the Colombian Government has prolonged for eighteen months the canal concession, in order that there may be an opportunity for the formation of a new company in France. The company will secure the validity of its contracts by paying the debt of 8,000,000 francs to the Colombian Government, and canceling the Otalora debt of 500,000 francs. Of these sums \$500,000 must be paid this year.

The former security must remain as a guarantee for the present contract. The inventory of materials to be returned to the Government in case of the failure, includes all the machinery and rolling stock of the old company. Any dispute is to be referred to the Supreme Court of that country. The company must, moreover, renounce all rights to diplomatic claims and all previous contracts must be ratified.

A dispatch from Lima, Peru, states that the United States Consulate at Molendo, was sacked on the 6th inst., and the acting Consular Agent shot in the foot by a mob. No cause is given. This Government demanded immediate reparation, and the Peru-

vian Government has hastened to make it.

The riots on the London docks still continue, and vessel owners are having a hard time to safely ship non-union crews.

A dispatch from the City of Mexico says that a large coffee plantation near Cordoba, in the State of Vera Cruz, has been purchased by Claus Spreckels, the San Francisco Sugar King, for \$100,000. He proposes to attract Americans with moderate capital into this lucrative business.

Hondura's capital has fallen into the hands of the rebels and Policorpo Bonilla has been proclaimed President of the Republic. The victory was the result of hard fighting, in which the Government troops were severely whipped.

The United States Government is in a row with Turkey over the violation of the mails of the United States Legation at Morgovan. A vigorous demand has been made for satisfaction, and if it is not given grave trouble will ensue.

Politics.

Ex-Congressman J. K. Luttrell of this State, is now in Washington making a fight to secure the appointment as Governor of Alaska. As there is little demand for this cold berth he is liable to win.

The Democrats of Chicago have snowed under the Citizen's Party and elected their entire ticket with Carter Harrison at the head with 20,000 plurality. It was the liveliest election ever held in the city.



CARTER H. HARRISON.

He was born in Fayette county, Ky., Feb. 25, 1825; was graduated from Yale college in 1846 and from the Lexington (Ky.) law school in 1855, having meanwhile traveled extensively in Europe; located in Chicago in 1855, was elected to congress in 1874, and became mayor the first time in 1879. Re-elected in 1881 and 1883 by greatly increased majorities, he was thought the man to beat Richard J. Oglesby for governor in 1884, but failed on it. His popularity suffered greatly thereafter, for though again elected mayor in 1885 his majority was but 200, and in 1891 he was beaten for the nomination.

Ex-Lieutenant Governor Daggett of California is after the superintendency of the San Francisco mint and John P. Irish has a good chance to be naval officer.

Shipping Notes.

The hulk of the burned steamer Eastern Oregon has been brought from Puget Sound and the vessel will be rebuilt at the Union Iron Works.

The steamer Keweenaw has sailed for Panama with a full cargo of New York merchandise. The North American Steamship Company has obtained its guarantee fund of \$200,000, with the five year contract with the Panama railroad and the enterprise is now an assured success.

A dispatch from Vancouver says: The announcement that arrangements are completed for a line of steamers between Australia and Vancouver was received here with satisfaction. It is stated that the steamers that will be put on are the Warrimoo and the Miowera, owned by the New Zealand and Australian Steamship Company. The first steamer is to leave Sydney May 10th.

The Portuguese families recently brought from Hawaii by the Australia will distribute themselves in Sausalito and San Leandro. Immigration of Portuguese to this city from Honolulu has been very heavy for a year past and it is estimated that fully 1500 have come here in that time.

Goodall, Perkins & Co. have bought the Coos Bay line of steamers and the Coos Bay Coal property of the Oregon Coal and Navigation Co., paying \$60,000 therefor.

A plot has been discovered to blow up the tug Ethel and Marion, used by the ship owners to place non-union crews aboard their ships. Nitro-glycerine and fulminate of mercury sufficient to send the largest ship afloat skyhigh was found.

Smallpox has been found on the City of New York which is just in from Panama and way ports. The vessel and passengers are in quarantine.

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